

“Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and for ever.”

(Heb 13:8)

Circular Letter

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I wish to extend heartfelt greetings to all of you around the world with the following Scripture:

“The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the Word of the LORD endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Pt 1:24-25)

In God’s Plan of Salvation with Israel and with the Church of the Gentiles, it is about the fulfillment of all the promises and the complete agreement between the Old and the New Testament. Joshua could testify: “There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.” (Jos 21:45). At the completion, we will be able to say the same (Rom 8:30).

True faith is anchored only in the promises of God. Abraham believed what God had promised him (Gen 18) and saw its fulfillment (Rom 4:17; Gal 3:8). The requirement was: “... that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.” (Gen 18:19b). Promises are linked to the faith, and the fulfillment is tied to obedience. If there is no promise in the Word for something, then there can be no fulfillment.

The oath that God gave to Abraham in Gen 22:15-19 applies to us, the ones who have been addressed personally by the LORD through the Word and the Spirit and who believe the promises for this time: “For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” God assumed responsibility for the fulfillment. “Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us ...” (Heb 6:13-18). God is true; He has confirmed the irrevocability of His counsel with an oath and has forever let us know that He Himself watches over His Word and fulfills all of it.

As it was with Abraham, for the believers the true blessing is connected to the promises, the faith, and the obedience (Gen 22), and no one can be

well-pleasing unto God without faith and obedience (Heb 11:6). “*Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?*” (Jas 2:22). By the promises of the Word, which we believe, we are granted the privilege to partake in the divine nature, and only in this fashion can the seven spiritual virtues, which are embedded in the love of God, be revealed within us through the power of God (2 Pt 1:3-11). Only perfect love will enter there (1 Cor 13). “*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*” (Jn 13:34). “*Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*” (Rom 13:10).

For the true believers, the concern is that we believe biblically, according to the Scripture; that we are baptized biblically in water by single immersion in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ: “*When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the LORD Jesus.*” (Acts 2:38-39; Acts 19:5-6); and that we are baptized biblically with the Holy Spirit. “*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*” (1 Cor 12:13). That is how it was in the Church at the beginning, and it is how it must be now, at the end. Only when we believe the promises of the Word will we actually experience them. Only then are we the children of promise (Gal 4:28).

This also applies to the sealing with the promised Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13) – which is an absolute prerequisite for the redemption of our bodies at the Return of Christ. Paul wrote: “*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*” (Rom 8:11).

Many are baptized and anointed by the Spirit, especially those from the Pentecostal movement, regardless of what they believe, teach, and practice, even the many false prophets and christs (Mt 7:21-24; Mt 24). For the true believers who are founded upon Christ, the promises, the anointing, and the seal of God belong together. “*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*” (2 Cor 1:20-22).

The Apostle Paul addresses this important issue and contrasts the proclamation of the Word, namely the Word of truth, with the false teachings (2 Tim 2:15-18). Then comes the identification of the true Church: “*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The LORD knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*” (v. 19).

The Church of the living God is no house of lies. Paul wrote: “*But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the*

house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (1 Tim 3:15). Despite the many false teachings in churches and Christian assemblies, the LORD builds His Church, which forever remains the pillar and the foundation of the truth and bears the seal of God. Indeed, the LORD knows His Own, and His Own know Him. What He said remains valid until today, namely: *"I will build my church ..."*

The spiritual rain falls upon all flesh (Heb 6:7-8) – but it all depends on the seed that was sown. *"A seed shall serve him ..."* (Ps 22:30). Brother Branham said, **"You can be spiritually baptized in the second realm and operate spiritual gifts without being born again in your soul."** *"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."* (1 Jn 3:9). Therefore, the emphasis in regard to the sealing must be on the seed of the Word. *"The seed is the word of God."* (Lk 8:11). The sealing by the Spirit of God, which is the Spirit of truth (Jn 15:26), can only happen after we have consciously accepted the Word of truth, have believed it, and have had it revealed to us. *"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise ..."* (Eph 1:13). There can be no sealing with the Spirit of God if the wrong seed has been sown by way of interpretations and false doctrines are being believed. Only the divine revelation of the Word shall be sealed in the true disciples. *"Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples."* (Isa 8:16). A doctrine that is not found in the Bible cannot be biblical by any means. With divine authority, the Apostle John wrote that no lie is of the truth (1 Jn 2:21). The lie has been Satan's distortion of the truth ever since the Garden of Eden. God Alone is true, Who is only in His Word, but every man is a liar (Rom 3:4).

In connection with the promised Return of Christ, John wrote: *"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming (Return)."* (1 Jn 2:28).

Commissioned by the LORD Himself, the apostle uncompromisingly came to the point: *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."* And then he included all those who believe his testimony: *"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."* With reference to the proclamation, he wrote: *"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."* (1 Jn 4:1-6). This is straight talk, no self-presentation on his part; it is a divine challenge by a chosen messenger of God. The same applies even today when a commission has been given: Whosoever is sent by God will

preach and teach only what the Word says, and all those who are of the seed of the Word and are born again by the Spirit will hear God's Word.

THUS SAITH OUR LORD: *"He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."* (Jn 8:47). That is how it was then; it is also how it is today. There have always been two groups: the ones who accepted and the others who rejected.

This was John's testimony and it also applied to Paul and to Brother Branham, and only an individual who was of God heard, believed, and accepted it. It also applies to me and to all those who belong to the Bride of Christ in this time. There will always be both: First comes the one who sows the good seed, and then the one who sows the tares (Mt 13:24-41). Both are in existence: the Word and the interpretation, the Spirit of truth and the spirit of deception – but bitter water will never flow from the *same* well as sweet water, and a fig tree will never bear olives (Jas 3:11-12). The fact remains that if God sends someone, then He can be sure that he will proclaim the Word that remains forever, as was Peter's testimony (1 Pt 1:25). Whoever does not respect the truth of the Word and does not accept its validity is doomed to believe the lies of strong delusions under the influence of the spirit of deception (2 Ths 2:10-12).

The Apostle Paul addressed the true believers with these words: *"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the LORD, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth ..."* (2 Ths 2:13). This reveals the true election of the ones who belong to the Bride Church: that they have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God (Eph 1:7) and sanctified by the Word of truth (Jn 17:17). Only those who are in the Word can be in the Will of God. *"Thy will be done!" "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."* (Heb 10:10).

"I will come again, and receive you unto myself" (Jn 14:1-3)

The Return of Christ and everything that happens at the same time is described for us in many Scriptures in great detail. It was the main subject of the apostles and also of Brother Branham, and we have already covered it several times as well. Unfortunately, the various statements that Brother Branham made regarding this topic, especially in the sermon "The Rapture," are being taken out of context by so-called message preachers and are not being placed within the divine order of the Bible. This has created a hopeless confusion within "message circles." Based on special unbiblical teachings, various groups have formed in many cities. But any doctrine that is not based on the corresponding Scriptures can only be a false doc-

trine. After all, God is only in His Word, but not in a single interpretation. Those interpretations are the hiding place for the adversary, the deceiver, who sanctimoniously operates through the spirit of deception.

The prophet emphasized it more than a hundred times in his sermons that Satan added just *one* word to what God had said to Adam in paradise. Thus, he was able to sow doubt in Eve about what God had said and to seduce her into the sin of unbelief and spiritually and physically into the direct Fall. Paul feared that Satan would be equally successful with the believers who did not adhere closely to the Word (2 Cor 11). But the elect cannot be deceived, for they are predestinated (Rom 8:38-39). Whoever belongs to the Bride of Jesus Christ believes every Word of God just as it is written, without adding a single thing, without taking anything away, and without changing anything (Rev 22:16-21).

Exactly the way it will happen

Also with respect to 1 Ths 4:13-18 we have to stay with the subject, adhere to the text and the facts. At first, it is only about the ones asleep in Christ: *“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.”*

And so that all of us take it seriously, the apostle wrote: *“For this we say unto you by the word of the LORD, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the LORD shall not prevent them which are asleep. **For the LORD himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air: and so shall we ever be with the LORD.**”* At His Return, our LORD will not come down on the earth, but we will meet Him in the air and will be taken up to the marriage supper (Rev 19:7).

It is noteworthy that the Bible only reports of *one* archangel, namely Michael, who is also known as the prince of angels and as guardian angel (Dan 10:13-14+21).

In Dan 12:1, it states in reference to Israel: *“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people ...”*

In the Epistle of Jude, v. 9, it says: *“Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The LORD rebuke thee.”*

In Rev 12, the Archangel Michael is mentioned in connection with the great event of the ascent. First, it states that the overcomers will be caught up as “the man child” unto God and to His Throne: The groom takes the victorious Bride into glory, past all of the defeated powers that reign in high places (Eph 6:12). During the ascent into heaven, a battle ensues: Michael and his angels fight against the dragon. Then Michael casts out the accuser of the brethren into the earth, together with his angels. The overcomers ascend and Satan is cast down. *“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”* (v. 9). Then the accusation of “the brothers,” who have been perfected through the blood, the Word, and the Spirit, comes to an end. *“... for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”* (vv. 10-11).

The doctrine that the Lamb left the Throne of grace in 1963, when Brother Branham preached about the opening of the Seals, and has since been “descending in the Message” is not true; it is a tragic misunderstanding. The Lamb was not on the Throne at all; the Lamb stood between the Throne and the 24 elders: *“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain ...”* (Rev 5:6). On the Throne sat the One Who lives for ever, and the Lamb went and took the book out of His right hand (v. 7). That is how it was shown to John on the Isle of Patmos two thousand years ago. The blood of the new covenant remains on the mercy seat until the completion, upon the Ark of the Covenant in the Holiest of all (Ex 25:17-22; Lev 16). There the Savior as High Priest and Mediator of the new covenant offered His blood (Heb 9:5-15), where it shall remain until God’s entire Plan of Salvation has been fulfilled with all believers. Even after the Rapture, during the time of the tribulation, there still are believers who wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb (Rev 7:9-17).

Blessed is he who believes as it is written!

There is no room left for any misunderstanding or interpretation in regard to 1 Ths 4. We are told unequivocally that the LORD Himself descends from heaven, accompanied by the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, and with a commanding shout that goes forth as a wake-up call for the dead. Already at His ascension, the two angels announced: *“... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”* (Acts 1:11). And in Ps 47:5 it

says: “*God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*” The LORD will return in like manner.

At His glorious Return, it is about the commanding shout of the LORD, Who has conquered and indeed overcome death, and Who could say upon the resurrection of Lazarus: “*I am the resurrection and the life ...*” and to John on the Isle of Patmos: “*Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*” (Rev 1:17-18). At the Return of Christ, the dead in Christ shall rise first, and those who are alive in Him will be transformed, and together we will ascend on clouds to meet the LORD in the air. Amen! This is THUS SAITH THE LORD!

Then the following Scriptures will be fulfilled:

“*For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*” (Mt 24:27).

“*Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*” (Mt 24:40).

“*For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.*” (Lk 17:24).

“*I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.*” (Lk 17:34).

“***But if the Spirit of him*** that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” (Rom 8:11).

“*... but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*” (1 Jn 3:2).

Oh, what a day that will be!

The Second Coming of Christ, which all of the believers have been waiting for since His ascension, will be the greatest event ever in the Plan of Salvation, because “*... so shall we ever be with the LORD.*” (1 Ths 4:17). Enoch was – for a fact – translated “*... and was not found ...*” (Heb 11:5). Whoever spiritualizes the Return of Christ or believes the Rapture is a revelation into which one is transported spiritually, but that it does not happen in reality, has not just become the victim of a foolish mistake: unto the preachers of such lies applies this Scripture: “*For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*” (2 Jn 7).

The following Word is meant for the wise virgins, who cannot be deceived: “*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made*

known unto you the power and coming (Return) of our LORD Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” (2 Pt 1:16).

William Branham was given the task to bring the last message of calling-out and preparation to the Church. Therefore, he consequentially emphasized Mt 25: “**Now is the time to trim the lamps and fill the vessels with oil!**” Thirty-six times he spoke of the former and latter rain. On January 21, 1961, he even repeated in prayer the promise of Joel 2 with great assurance, just as Peter did at Pentecost: “**I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh! You promised it. In the last days, You said, there would be a former and latter rain together.**” James wrote about this already two thousand years ago: “*Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming (Return) of the LORD. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*” (Jas 5:7). Then comes the example of Job, who was given a double restitution by God (Job 42). So shall it be with the Spirit-filled Church.

In the sermon “The Rapture,” Brother Branham also mentioned some things that are difficult to understand. But only someone who is wrong in his heart will misunderstand what is said, just as it was the case with things Paul had said, as mentioned by Peter (2 Pt 3:16-17). One must not only read or hear a single statement, but instead go on reading, continue to listen, until this one quote that is difficult to understand has been illuminated and becomes crystal-clear. Whoever takes all things that the messenger said back to the Bible will have the infallible Absolute of the Word, which remains eternally, and will respect all Scriptures that address the subject, even 1 Cor 15, from verse 51 to the end: “*Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*” Then this mortal body is transformed into immortality; then death is swallowed up in the victory of the crucified and risen Savior. “*So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*” (v. 54).

When the Son of man is revealed and when He comes

More than a hundred times, Brother Branham mentioned Lk 17:30: “*Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*” We have to pay attention to the wording: “when He is revealed” and “when He comes.” In our time, the Son of man has revealed Himself in the same way as back then, when He walked on the earth. HE has revealed Himself in the pillar of fire as He did in the time of Moses; Brother Branham expe-

rienced this in more than 1,000 services. But that was not His Return; it was His supernatural presence as confirmation in the meetings. On July 28, 1962, Brother Branham said, **“Now, remember these two words before I leave you: the appearing of Christ and the coming of Christ is two different things. Christ is now appearing in the fullness of His power. His coming will be afterwards.”**

The Message of the hour in our time is preceding Christ’s Return. As of June 11, 2013, it has been 80 years since the THUS SAITH THE LORD was issued: **“As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, so you are sent with the Message, which will forerun the Second Coming of Christ.”** On February 10, 1960, Brother Branham said, **“Not that I would be a forerunner, but the message was the forerunning.”** On January 15, 1963, he said, **“But there’s an hour coming now when something’s fixing to take place. The message will go to another nation, another people ... The church in America, I believe, is just about called out.”** Brother Branham told me on June 12, 1958, in Dallas, Texas, **“Brother Frank, you will return to Germany with this message!”** About half an hour later, at the beginning of his sermon, he said, **“Just now, a man laid his arm around me from Germany ...”** On January 18, 1963, he added, **“It may be my going-home time. It looks very much that way. If it is, there will rise somebody after me that’ll take the message on. He’ll be an odd person, but he’ll rise after this and take the message on.”** The very same Brother Branham told me on December 3, 1962, **“Wait with the giving out of the food until you get the rest of it. Brother Frank, the LORD has called you to preach His Word ...”** After God took the messenger, I carried the Message to the ends of the earth, as the LORD had commanded me to do.

**Everything repeats itself,
For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance
(Rom 11:29)**

In the Old Testament, God spoke and acted through His servants and prophets. In the New Testament, He revealed His counsel to His holy apostles and prophets (Eph 3:5). As prophets they saw in visions what God was going to do, and as servants they did what He commanded them to do. The following Scripture remains true: *“Surely the LORD GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”* (Amos 3:7).

In the New Testament, Paul introduced himself as a servant and apostle in the first verse of his first Epistle: *“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures ...”* (Rom 1:1-12).

James introduced himself like this: “James, a servant of God and of the LORD Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.” (Jas 1:1).

Peter introduced himself as follows: “Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ ...” (2 Pt 1:1).

The Apostle John received the Revelation as a servant so that through him all of the servants would obtain the same revelation: “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.” (Rev 1:1).

And it is confirmed in the last chapter as well: “And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the LORD God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” (Rev 22:6-7).

When it comes to the service, then even our LORD and Savior had to be a servant: “Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.” (Isa 42:1-2).

In Mt 12:18-21, we have the fulfillment: “Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased ... A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth justice unto victory.” Victory! Amen!

“He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.” (Isa 53:11).

The LORD became a servant in order to accomplish the great work of redemption in obedience. “And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Phi 2:8).

Peter was an apostle on account of his calling and a servant by carrying out the divine commission.

This was also the case with the Apostles John and James: By their calling and commission, they were apostles; in the execution of their duties, they were servants of Christ. The LORD said, “Behold, I send you forth ...” (Mt 10:16). “... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” (Jn 20:21). For edification, God has placed apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors in His Church.

Apostles and prophets received a direct, personal calling – without it there can be no commission.

Paul was able to report: “*And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey ... about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.*” (Acts 22:6). A calling requires the divine purpose: “*And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. ... Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.*” (Acts 22:14+21).

Every servant of God knew what he had to do. John the Baptist could say, “*And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.*” (Jn 1:33).

Brother Branham was able to repeat exactly what he had been told on June 11, 1933, and also what the heavenly messenger said to him on May 7, 1946, along with the words: “**Fear not, I have been sent to you from the presence of God ...**” “But what good would it do us as Church of God if we only knew what the LORD did in the past, what tasks he assigned to the different commissions, up to and including Brother Branham’s, but did not have a part in what He is currently doing?”

Great responsibility is connected to it

No man of God bears witness of himself, but instead of what the LORD has said and done. I have also been addressed by the LORD repeatedly as “My servant” – the first time on April 2, 1962: “My servant, your time for this city will soon be over. I will send you to other cities to preach My Word ...” This is as true as God lives, and I have done accordingly in the direct commission and Will of God in the past 50 years. It is well-known that the LORD also said, “My servant, store up food, for a great famine is coming ... then you shall stand among the people and give out the food ...”

“My servant, according to Mt 24:45-47 I have ordained you to give out the food ...” The Word of our LORD had to be fulfilled now; after all, the LORD Himself said, “*Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?*” HE knew when it would be.

The concern here is about a wise servant, whom the LORD has appointed. That is how it is written; the LORD Himself said it. It is the command of the hour to distribute the spiritual food to all the servants so that they also may have a part in giving it out. This belongs to the divine Plan of Salvation, which we all abide by.

After all, Brother Branham stored the food as instructed by the LORD. It was no coincidence that he said on April 1, 1962, that the LORD had commanded him not to travel to Switzerland, but instead store in the food. It

was no coincidence that on April 2, 1962, the LORD directed me to store in the food. It was no coincidence that on December 3, 1962, in front of two witnesses, the prophet said, **“Brother Frank, the food that you are supposed to store in is the promised Word for this day. The food is in the sermons that are being recorded on tape, but wait with the giving out until you receive the rest of it.”** It is also no coincidence that God announced in Amos 8:11 that He would send the spiritual famine of hearing His words. Also in our time, God has done nothing without first revealing His counsel to His servant and prophet as well as to His servants, the apostles (Amos 3:7; Eph 3:5).

It is no coincidence that in Mt 24 the LORD first spoke about everything that would happen and then directly addressed the most important text for the Church (vv. 45-47). The LORD spoke these verses aloud, with emphasis. Yes, and then comes the part in chapter 25:1-12. For this current phase, these are the two most important Scriptures. Now there are the wise and the foolish among the called-out ones. The wise will respect the ministry appointed by God, partake of the pure spiritual food, and be filled and sealed with the Holy Spirit.

There were other occurrences in which the LORD addressed me with a commanding voice as “My servant” and gave direct instructions. Whenever I recall them, I always become aware of the great responsibility associated with the direct commission. I am also just a man who is dependent on God’s grace. But when it comes to the ministry, I have done everything according to the commandment of the LORD: I have personally preached the Word of God in more than 150 countries; have proclaimed the Message on many TV and radio stations around the world; have translated the sermons of Brother Branham and thus given out the spiritual food. Although it is generally known that I have carried the Message around the world after the passing of Brother Branham, let it be said here once again for those who are newcomers. Whoever has the Spirit of truth will believe it; those who have the spirit of deception are unable to believe it. A direct commission that is connected to the Plan of Salvation can and will only be accepted and believed by the ones who really are in the Kingdom of God and are part of the Bride Church.

It is clear to us that a direct calling and commission are accompanied by the greatest responsibility that exists in the Church of God; we are also aware that the apostle gave the warning with respect to the brothers that cause divisions through false teachings (Rom 16:17). In 2 Cor 11, where he showed concern about presenting a chaste virgin unto Christ, he also complained about false brethren, calling them false apostles, deceitful workers who misrepresent themselves. In chapter 13, he repeatedly appealed to the faithful: *“Be perfect ...”*

To the church of the Galatians, he wrote in all sincerity: *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach another gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”*

In Eph 4, he spoke about the wind of different doctrines, calling them the sleight of men. Yes, and in 2 Tim 2:16-22, he wrote about the profane, vain babblings that increase unto more ungodliness and mentioned Hymenaeus and Philetus, whose teaching that the resurrection had already taken place spread like a cancer. Is it not the same now with all of the false teachings? To this day, the true doctrine has not caused any division; on the contrary, all of the ministries that God has given are for the edification of the body of Christ (Eph 4).

Paul had a responsibility; he had a calling, a commission, and a direct task. For him, the Church of God was the pillar and foundation of the truth (1 Tim 3:15). He summarized the objective of his proclamation in 1 Cor 9:1-3: *“Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our LORD? are not ye my work in the LORD? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the LORD. Mine answer to them that do examine me ...”*

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” (Isa 55:11).

What happens now?

Now the wake-up call is resounding for all of the living: *“Behold, the bridegroom comes; go ye out to meet him.”* Now the message is going forth: *“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”* (Rev 18:4). *“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the LORD Almighty.”* (2 Cor 6:17-18). God’s people are now experiencing the divine Message in the fulfillment of all the corresponding promises: the calling out, separation and preparation, up to the complete restitution, which has to become a reality before the Second Coming of Christ. *“... built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone ...”* (Eph 2:20).

After all, it is written: *“Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”* (Acts 3:21). Connected to this is the fulfillment of the promise regarding Elijah from Mal 4:5, which was confirmed by our LORD in Mt 17:11: *“Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.”* And so that everything is based upon two or three witnesses,

we read what our LORD said in Mk 9:12: *“Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things ...”* Today this Scripture is fulfilled before our eyes and our ears, and all subjects, such as Godhead, Baptism, LORD’s Supper, indeed all doctrinal matters have been returned to their original state.

John the Baptist knew his commission, but his ministry could only be fully described in the four Gospels. Likewise, Brother Branham knew his commission and the Scriptures related to it. But only in retrospect can it be placed to the full extent in accordance with the Plan of Salvation. The four Gospels could only be written after Christ’s ascension to heaven. The Book of Acts could only be written after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the Epistles to the churches only after they had been established. Likewise, we were able to understand the full significance of Brother Branham’s commission only after his ministry had been completed. Only thereafter were we able to biblically place everything he had said.

How often did Brother Branham point out that the message is: **“Back to the Word! Back to the beginning! Back to the apostles’ teaching, yes, back to Pentecost!”** This is now being experienced by all those who truly believe according to the Scripture. As we have emphasized repeatedly, the last sermon in the true Church of Jesus Christ must be like the first one was. The last baptism must be like the first. *“One LORD, one faith, one baptism ...”*

The last LORD’s Supper must be like the first, with one bread and one cup – not with hundreds of little glasses on trays, as is customary in many places. Also with respect to the LORD’s Supper, the Church of God abides by the biblical example of our Savior (Mt 26:26-29) and of the early Church (Acts 2:42). Paul wrote in this regard: *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”* (1 Cor 10:16). At the end, even every local assembly must be as it was in the beginning, equipped with the power from on high, one heart and one soul, with all of the ministries and fruits and gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor 12-14; Eph 4). This is part of the accomplished reality by the message of restoration. Amen.

Valuable comparisons

Isa 40:3 describes the ministry of John the Baptist: *“The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”* Initially, this was a promise. The following Word also pertains to it: *“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me ...”* (Mal 3:1a). When the time of fulfillment had come, the promise became a visible, audible, and tangible reality: *“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same*

came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe." (Jn 1:6-7).

At the height of his ministry, delegates came from Jerusalem with orders to ask him who he was. He said, "I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not." – because according to the promise in Mal 4:5, Elijah will come on the scene only before the dreadful day of the LORD. The delegates further asked, "Art thou **that prophet?** And he answered, No." The question was not, "Are you a prophet?", but it specifically referred to the promise in Dt 18:15-19: "Art thou **that Prophet?**" (Jn 1:19-27).

The promise with reference to the Messiah as a prophet was: "I will raise them up **a Prophet** from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." (Dt 18:18-19).

John was a prophet, but he was not **the Prophet**. He was more than the prophets of the Old Testament who announced the Savior, since he got to introduce Him. But he was not more than a man, and the least in the kingdom of God was greater than he (Mt 11:9-11). Through his unique ministry, the bridge from the Old to the New Testament had been built; therefore, it is written: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." (Lk 16:16). Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God came down with great might, the founding of the New Testament Church took place, and the first ones pressed into it.

About Jesus, the Messiah, it is written: "Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is **the Prophet**. Others said, **This is the Christ.**" (Jn 7:40-41).

The Messiah as the Son of man was not only a prophet, He was "**the Prophet.**" HE was "**the Prophet,**" **the promised Savior – Jesus Christ, our LORD.** Peter knew that the promise in the Old Testament pointed to Him, "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, **A prophet** shall the LORD your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you." (Acts 3:22).

Stephen also made reference to it: "**A prophet** shall the LORD your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear." (Acts 7:37).

In Dt 18, in contrast to "**the Prophet,**" there is also mention of a prophet whom God sends (20-22). To demonstrate the difference to "**the Prophet,**" the fallibility of a prophet is shown in contrast to the **infallibility of the God-Prophet:** "But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak

in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." (Dt 18:20-22).

A true prophet remains a true prophet, even if he says something as human being for which he has not received a direct command from God. We are told very clearly when the LORD spoke through the prophet and when the prophet spoke of his own accord. "If the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken ..." We have to accept the validity of this Scripture as well, and let it stand exactly as it is written.

On January 18, 1963, Brother Branham said, **"I'm a mortal, subject to mistakes. He's immortal, infallible. HE has to keep His Word, but I don't have to keep mine."** Just like John the Baptist, Brother Branham was a promised prophet, but also a man who liked to fish and who spent a lot of time hunting. Therefore, the Message that he had to bring to God's people is not what he said as a man, but the words that God spoke through him.

The dual fulfillment of biblical prophecy

Consider the twofold promise of Mal 4:5-6: *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers ..."* During the ministry of John the Baptist, this part was fulfilled: *"... he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children ..."* His father, Zacharias, was told by the angel: *"And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the LORD their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the LORD." (Lk 1:16-17).*

The second part of Mal 4, *"... and the heart of the children to their fathers ...,"* is now being fulfilled by the Message, in this last time period before the Second Coming of Christ. That was and is the purpose of the divine commission: to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.

Many of the Old Testament prophecies have a dual fulfillment. In Isa 61:1-3, we find the well-known Scripture: *"The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek ..."* In Lk 4:18-19, Jesus read this text and stopped in the middle of the second verse, which states: *"To preach the acceptable year of the LORD."* HE could not read the second part about the "day of vengeance" at

the beginning of the “day of Salvation.” Then He would not have been able to say, *“This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”* (v. 21).

In Joel 2:28-32, we find the powerful promise: *“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh ...”* Then comes the announcement of “the great and the terrible day of the LORD,” when the sun turns to darkness and the moon turns to blood. Yes, and immediately in the next verse we read: *“... that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance ...”*

In the first sermon on the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter referred to the promise in Joel 2 and loudly proclaimed that *“... whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”* But he stopped in the middle of the verse: He did not mention the part in reference to the salvation on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem. This will be fulfilled with the children of Israel (Isa 10:12; Joel 3:15-17; Mic 4:6-7), until the 144,000 ultimately appear on Mount Zion (Rev 14).

Peter also did something else: He renamed the “dreadful day of the LORD” to the “glorious day”: *“... before that great and notable/glorious day of the LORD come ...”* (Acts 2:20). Yes, for the faithful, it will be a glorious day. Paul wrote that the LORD will finish the work until the day of Christ Jesus (Phi 1:6 and 1:10). He further wrote about the crown of righteousness that will be given unto him and all those who love the appearance of the LORD (2 Tim 4:8). So, for the faithful it is the glorious day of Jesus Christ, the goal of their faith, the Rapture: *“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.”* (Phi 2:16). For the others it shall remain the dreadful day that shall burn as an oven (2 Pt 3).

Now, at the end of days, the scoffers ask, *“Where is the promise of his coming?”* (2 Pt 3:4). The answer is: *“The LORD is not slack concerning his promise ...”* (v. 9). HE exercises patience until the last ones have been saved and come in. Peter spoke about the promised Return and also about the “day of the LORD”: *“But the day of the LORD will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”* He concluded with the admonition: *“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”* (vv. 10+14). For the Bride, it will be the glorious day, because they will go to the marriage supper.

Only the Holy Spirit leads into all truth

The Word of prophecy does not allow any personal interpretation; it can, however, have a twofold fulfillment. Brother Branham, for example, mentioned Zec 14:7 150 times: "... *that at evening time it shall be light.*" But the actual fulfillment will come to pass when the LORD comes to the Mount of Olives and commences His royal reign over the entire earth (Zec 14:4-9).

Brother Branham referred to Rev 10 over 70 times with regard to his ministry as the angel of the Seventh Church Age. But that does not invalidate what is going to happen when the trumpet of the seventh angel sounds according to Rev 11:15, as announced in chapter 10:7. Then the "Mystery of God" will come to an end, as certain as all the mysteries from Genesis to Revelation, which were hidden, have now been revealed through the ministry of Brother Branham and have come to their conclusion. But especially all those who occupy themselves with the seven thunders should pay heed to the oath in Rev 10:6 and take a look at Dan 12:6. The question at hand is: "*How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?*" Then follows the important announcement: "*And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.*" (v. 7). Amen.

"And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time/delay no longer ..." (Rev 10:6). Amen.

We thank God for these enlightening prophetic Scriptures: From the moment when the angel swears, there are 3 ½ years left until the LORD commences His reign over His kingdom (Dan 7:25-27; Rev 11:15-19). Observe how precisely this oath, which Daniel saw and heard, aligns with the course of events in Rev 10, where it was shown to John! Thank God for His wonderful written and revealed Word, which is based on two, even three witnesses.

Who would dare to deny that Rev 10 will come to pass in the exact sequence as it is written? The Angel of the Covenant comes down wrapped in a cloud, surrounded by the rainbow, with the open book, sets the right foot on the sea and the left one on the earth: "... *he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar ...*" (Hos 11:10; Joel 3:15-17). On March 17, 1963, Brother Branham said, "**If you notice that's Christ (See?), 'cause He in the Old Testament was called the Angel of the Covenant, and He's directly coming to the Jews now ...**"

When he had that tremendous experience on February 28, 1963, along with the appearance of the supernatural cloud in which he observed seven angels that were arranged in the shape of a pyramid, the entire surrounding area of Sunset Mountain was shaken by a natural earthquake, which was accompanied by seven audible thunderclaps. Brother Branham mentioned these seven thunders 50 times. They meant so much to him because those seven thunders directed his attention to the supernatural cloud, before he preached about the Seals. He spoke frequently about this topic, and we have also written about it repeatedly.

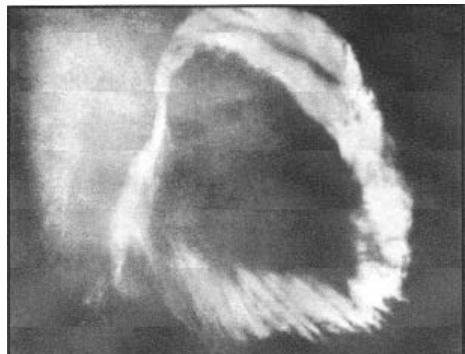
During his sermon on March 24, 1963, he knocked on the pulpit to emphasize how mighty those seven thunders had been. I saw with my own eyes the boulders and rocks that had rolled down the mountain, together with the group of preachers invited by Brother Pearry Green to visit the site. But then, with regard to Rev 10, Brother Branham had to say, **“As surely as no one knows when the LORD comes, no one will know what the seven thunders uttered.”** It does not pertain to the Church and therefore was not allowed to be written down. The things that are meant for the Church and bring about the rapturing faith are written in the Bible and have been proclaimed unto us.

The ones who deny the precisely written Word and talk about a “seven-thunder revelation” – and there are various versions, even one where seven special men are supposed to come on the scene as seven voices, or another where the Angel of the Covenant has already come to earth – those are the preachers who are misled by the spirit of deception.

The sixth seal marks the beginning of the day of the LORD. The sun will turn black, the moon will become as blood, and the stars will fall from the sky. Everything that is written from Rev 6:12 on and shall take place is still in the future.

The appearance of the cloud

Regrettably, even in message circles the day of February 28, 1963, when the supernatural cloud with the constellation of the seven angels appeared, has been called into question for years. This pains me greatly. The argument is as follows: The hunting season in Arizona did not start until March 1, so it could not have happened on February 28. Now critics have taken up the is-



sue as well and have even spread it worldwide via the Internet, going as far as to post the headline: “William Branham, the Liar!”

Back then, I brought with me from the USA the three magazines that had reported on the event, and this is what they had published:

Science Magazine, April 19, 1963:

“An unusual ring-shaped cloud was widely observed over northern Arizona near sunset on 28 February 1963.”

Life Magazine, May 17, 1963:

“Hovering like a giant’s smoke ring, a great cloud appeared at sunset over Flagstaff, Ariz, last Feb. 28 ...”

The Arizona Republic, Sunday, March 26, 1967:

“Shortly before sunset Feb. 28, 1963, a strikingly beautiful and mysterious cloud swept northward across Arizona.”

Brother Branham repeatedly referred to the reports, especially to the one in *Life* magazine. He neither made any objections to the date, nor did he ever speak of two different events time-wise in connection with the cloud. Each time he described the appearance of the cloud, in which the seven angels were present, as one single event.

I do not engage in these reprehensible discussions. Nevertheless, it is a matter of concern to me, for the sake of the responsibility I have before God, to make all of you aware of the three articles that confirm the date of February 28, 1963.

Critics have their say

Time and again, critics have come forward. They have found 13 statements that Brother Branham made especially in July and August 1961 in three sermons regarding the year 1977. He repeatedly mentioned the year



Stratospheric Cloud over Northern Arizona

Abstract. *An unusual ring-shaped cloud was widely observed over northern Arizona near sunset on 28 February 1963.*



...And a High Cloud Ring of Mystery

Hovering like a giant’s smoke ring, a great cloud appeared at sunset over Flagstaff, Ariz. last Feb. 28 and set off a continuing scientific mystery. Watchers struck by the cloud’s



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1977 in his sermons and was convinced that the Rapture and everything he had seen in visions in 1933 would be fulfilled by 1977. That was his expectation, not THUS SAITH THE LORD. He had read in the book by Dr. Larkin that 1977 would be the seventieth year of jubilee.

The critics have found yet other statements, which we will not elaborate upon. Brother Branham had certain expectations as a human being – that was his right – but the fact for ever remains that, even if he said things of his own accord, he was a true prophet, whose supernatural, infallible ministry was of great importance with regard to the Plan of Salvation. We do not dwell on what critics say, not on what the spirit of deception brings to the message market – we are happy about all the things God has revealed through His blessed prophet.

Brother Branham also had particular expectations in connection with the Seals. From 1956 until the very end, he spoke about the tent vision and 55 times about the “third pull.” Even as late as November 28, 1965, he said, “I’ll ride the trail once more.” But on December 18, 1965, on the way from Tucson to Jeffersonville, the accident occurred in which he was seriously injured. On December 24, 1965, he was called home. God only takes His messengers home when their work is done. The life and ministry of John the Baptist, as well, were suddenly terminated.

But no one who has at least a little fear of God will reject Brother Branham because he expressed his own expectations. The ministry was one hundred percent true. How often did he speak about the pillar of fire, about the cloud, the supernatural light that came down, especially when he prayed for the sick! In this context, he mentioned the Angel of the LORD and the Angel of the Covenant 112 times. To this we say: Hallelujah! Amen! The same One, Who came down in a supernatural manner while the seventh church angel was on earth and proclaimed the Message, comes down in Rev 10 in visible form as the Angel of the Covenant, and then the second part of Mal 3:1 will be fulfilled, and the LORD shall “... suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant ...” Everything happens the way it was foretold in biblical prophecy, and we are meant to place all things according to the Scripture.

Prophets remain prophets, even if God allows them to personally say or expect something. HE let it happen in order for us to stay sober. Thereby we are to recognize that they are human beings like everybody else and that the glory belongs only to God. HE is the only immortal and infallible One and designates callings which He can never take back.

Worship or idolatry?

In contrast to the critics who want to question everything supernatural in the life and ministry of Brother Branham, the fanatical followers have made him more than a man.

Right after the funeral of the prophet on April 11, I asked the brothers in Jeffersonville on April 12 and 13, 1966, to transcribe and print the tape-recorded sermons so that they could be translated into other languages. This took place under the term "Spoken Word Publications." Roy Borders, whom I knew personally, and who also had been Brother Branham's secretary, assumed responsibility for it. All of the other brothers, whether they were from New York, Tucson, or Texas, were on their way home because, much to their disappointment, the anticipated resurrection of the prophet had not happened on that Easter Sunday.

The term "Spoken Word" remained unchanged until the early 1980s. That marked the time when the deification of the prophet was carried out openly, and the Voice in Rev 10:7 was from then on "Voice of God." Every word of the prophet was now God's Word, even if he said "a-a-a-a." That was how it had to be printed and translated. Now all the stories he had told were also words of God, and thus began the worship of the man. Brother Branham was appointed to be the "Voice of God," and everything he had said was considered to be God's Word. This was being based on the authority of 1 Cor 7, where Paul gave an account of both his opinion and what the LORD had said: "*And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the LORD ... But to the rest speak I, not the LORD ...*" Although Paul himself made the distinction there between what the LORD had said and what he said, from then on both were supposedly in force as the direct Word of God. Paul was just giving advice because of the distress at that time (v. 26) and even wrote: "*But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none ...*" (v. 29).

William M. Branham was not only a prophet; he was also a human being like everybody else. For 10 years, I stayed in personal contact with him, spoke on the phone with him from Krefeld, rode along in his car while he was at the wheel; I ate and drank with him, and I also witnessed his infallible ministry as an eye- and ear-witness in Europe and the USA. I have also kept the 21 letters from Brother Branham: The first one is dated November 11, 1958, and the last one September 30, 1965. And as I have stated repeatedly in my publications, my ministry is connected with his ministry like no other one on earth. To this day, no brother can testify of receiving a direct calling, nor name the day and hour, time and place, or specific commission, the way the prophet confirmed it in my case on December 3, 1962, in the presence of two witnesses. At his direct request, I

preached in his tabernacle in Jeffersonville on Sunday, December 2 during the morning and evening services.

However, if the Bible is put aside at the beginning of the service right after an introductory Scripture has been read and then only quotes from the sermons are read and tailored to fit one's own concept, then I cannot and may not remain silent any longer in that regard. When now in message circles the only topic is Branham, by saying: "The prophet said!", "The prophet said!", when volumes with stories from his life and books with various interviews and photo albums with up to 340 photographs are published, then it is the worship a man, a cult. When the grave becomes a pilgrimage site and special rooms with personal items are made into relics, then it is idolatry. I am saying this in full responsibility before God.

Today, if you hear His Voice ...

Many "message believers" only speak about things that happened at the time of the prophet, but not about what God is doing today. This is an outright deception of the people of God. What God did in the past was the preparation for what He is doing now.

Those who cannot believe that there is a continuation after the ministry of Brother Branham, which leads into the completion, are bypassing it in contempt. The following Word is fulfilled with them: "*Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.*" (Acts 13:41).

Often enough, Brother Branham said with varying word choice, "**People are talking about what God has done, waiting for what He is going to do, but bypassing what He is presently doing.**"

In addition to that, there is the doctrine that the prophet will return to complete his ministry in the tent. This is also deception of the faithful. Only those who are connected to what God is presently doing can truly recognize what God has done and will witness it when the LORD rises up and completes His work of redemption Himself, just as He completed His work of creation.

"For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act." (Isa 28:21).

"For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land ..." (Hag 2:6).

"Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." (Heb 12:26).

Thank God for the calling and commission of the promised prophet for this time. What the LORD said in Mt 10:40-41 is for ever valid: *“He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward ...”* Our hearts have been returned to the original faith of the apostles and prophets. Amen. The Bride of Christ will be a pure Word-Bride, just as the Bridegroom was the Word made flesh. Brother Branham saw that the Bride was out of step temporarily and behaved very shamefully, but then she was brought back into step again. This is happening now with all those who surrender themselves completely to Christ, the Head of the Church.

“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” (Rev 19:8).

“And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.” (Mt 25:10).

The most important phase in the Plan of Salvation is now

What matters now is that we partake in what God is doing in our time and fully understand all things (Mt 13:51). It is of utmost importance to correctly place the biblical prophecy of the Old Testament with respect to the fulfillment in the New Testament. There are more than 800 quotations from the Old Testament in the New Testament, 186 of them just from the Psalms alone. Of the 52 parables presented by our LORD, 40 are related to the Kingdom of God – 7 of which are found in Mt 13. HE asked His disciples, *“Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, LORD.”* This beatitude was also meant for them: *“But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see ...”* As it was at the first coming of Christ, so it is now, before His Second Coming. *“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.”* (Lk 24:44-45). Likewise, all things that have been promised to the Church must now be fulfilled. Blessed are the eyes that see, and the ears that hear, and the hearts that believe it. Amen.

The end-time events in the Middle East in the light of biblical prophecy

After 20 years of negotiations between Israel and the Vatican, the Upper Room on Mount Zion, in which the Last Supper and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit took place, shall now be surrendered to the Catholic Franciscan Order. Since 1948, it has been under the administration of the State of Israel and was classified as a museum wherein no religious ceremonies were allowed to take place. In the future, the Catholic Church even intends to celebrate Mass there.



The Temple Mount with the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock is in the custody of the Muslims; Mount Zion is going to be taken over by the Franciscan Order and, consequently, the Catholic Church. Only temporarily, thank God. What is written in the Holy Scriptures is now officially in the headlines. Whether it is for political, religious, or economic reasons, they all want to take part in the decision-making over Israel and also over Jerusalem, and the negotiations with the Vatican are the main focus.

Based on the current news reports, we see that the peace and safety that Paul prophesied are now within reach. *“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”* (1 Ths 5:3).

It has also been foretold that the last ruler of the world, in whom the political and religious world powers are united, shall prosper by well-sounding words and shall also lead Israel into destruction. *“And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.”* (Dan 8:24-25). Both things proceed simultaneously: the religion-oriented peace negotiations and the violent unrests. Jerusalem is under pressure from all sides. The Prophet Daniel predicted: *“... and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”* (Dan 9:26).

But at the end, Jesus Christ will have the last word and confirm His covenant with His people Israel. Then Joel 3:16 will be fulfilled: *“The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the*

heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."

Despite of all the peripheral occurrences, the treaty with Israel and the Rapture of the Church are within reach, and our LORD and Savior calls out to us with urgency: "... *when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.*" We see it; we hear it, and we recognize it. The time has come: The time of grace for the nations is coming to its end, and the Return of the LORD is close at hand, very close.

Blessed are the eyes that see; blessed the ears that hear; blessed are those who are ready to be taken up to the marriage supper of the Lamb. The faithful LORD let me see and experience the Rapture in a vision in January 1981. Everything will be a reality: the resurrection, the transformation, the Rapture, the marriage supper. "*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*" (1 Cor 2:9).

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"

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On July 7, 2013, our Brothers Miskys and Hamestuk took this aerial photograph. One of them was the pilot and the other one the photographer.

We can only give thanks. The Almighty God has taken care of everything from the beginning. The dedication of the simple building where the services are held took place during Easter 1974. In the seventies, they were all convinced in the USA that 1977 would be the Rapture, even the end. Then it happened on July 18, 1976, around evening time: When I came around the church building, the LORD spoke, “My servant, go to the adjacent property and dedicate it unto me.”

Thus the two mission buildings with offices and accommodations for out-of-town attendees could be inaugurated in 1977/78, and shortly thereafter the publishing house with a print shop and mail rooms could be built.

In any case, God has provided for everything, also for all of the languages and the technology. From here, the entire world is being supplied with the spiritual food. We are especially grateful that approx. 1,200 local assemblies and home groups join us online on the first weekend of every month and are able to view the services and follow along in one of the 13 languages. The response coming from more than 80 countries is tremendous.